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SUBJECT: ESSO EASTEN URANIUM PROJECT

1. ESSO EASTERN HAS PROVIDED FOR DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY INFORMATION COPIES OF EXCHANGE OF CABLES WITH GECAMINES CONCERNING POSSIBLE EFFECT ON ITS PROJECT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION RESTRICTING COPPER AND COBALT PRODUCTION. TEXTS OF GECAMINES MARCH 24 CABLE AND ESSO EASTERN APRIL 2 REPLY FOLLOW IN SUBPARAS A AND B BELOW. INFO COPY OF LATTER WAS SENT TO CONSULATE LUBUMBASHI. ESSO EASTERN HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY.

A. QTE WELL RECEIVED YOUR MARCH 18 TELEX CONCERNING RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS RELATIVE TO ZAIRE MINERAL.

WE ARE INFORMING YOU THAT BY THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC, STARTING FEBRUARY 22, ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GECAMINES, SMTF AND SODIMIZA COMPANIES HAVE THE RIGHTS TO

EXPLOIT COPPER AND COBALT IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE.

WE ARE CONSULTING WITH THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC ON THIS SUBJECT, IN ORDER TO KNOW THE EXACT SCOPE OF THAT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO ZAIRE MINERAL, WHICH, BESIDE URANIUM, WOULD ALSO PRODUCE COPPER AND COBALT. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE RESULT OF THE ANSWER WHICH WILL BE OBTAINED AND WE WILL THEN FIX A NEW MEETING.

(SIGNED UMBA KYAMITALA - DELEGUE GENERAL

THANK YOU.

(SIGNED) L. KORT S.G. UNQTE.

B. QTE FOR UMBA KYAMITALA OR LUCIEN KORT. YOUR TELEX OF MARCH 25 ACKNOWLEDGED. WE ARE HOPEFUL YOU CAN PERSUADE PRESIDENCY OF REPUBLIC THAT ZAIRE MINERAL PROJECT DOES NOT CONTRAVENE SPIRIT OF DECISION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SINCE AAA MAIN PURPOSE IS URANIUM WITH COPPER AND COBALT BEING PROVIDED FOR ONLY BECAUSE THEY MAY BE NECESSARILY PRODUCED AS BY-PRODUCTS.

BBB GECAMINES ALONE IS TO CONTROL ALL COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF COPPER AND COBALT AS ZAIRE MINERAL MUST SELL ALL COPPER AND COBALT TO GECAMINES.

CCC DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AREAS WAS BASED ON ASSIGNING TO GECAMINES THE COPPER AND COBALT INTENSIVE AREAS.

DDD IN ANY EVENT GECAMINES IS TO BE 50 PERCENT OWNER OF ZAIRE MINERAL.

WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE THIS ISSUE RESOLVED TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR CONCLUDING THE PROJECT AGREEMENTS.

REGARDS, J.E. FROST

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